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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 2 Percent in May

HARRISBURG, PA, Jun 25, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during May 2010 totaled 100.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from May 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 94.0 million pounds live weight, was down only slightly from May 2009. Total head slaughtered was 74,500, down 2 percent. Live weight averaged 1,274 pounds, up 26 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, up 3 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,600 head was up 100 head from last year. Average live weight increased 10 pounds to 432 pounds.

Pork production was 57.9 million pounds live weight, down 4 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 224,300, down 6 percent from May 2009. Average live weight increased 3 pounds from last year to 258 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during May 2010 was 286,000 pounds live weight, down 7 percent from a year ago. The number slaughtered was 2,900, down 200 head from last year. Average live weight remained unchanged at 98 pounds per head.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in May 2010 totaled 3.73 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in May 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.09 billion pounds, was down 4 percent. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, down 2 percent from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2009.

January-May 2010 red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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